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TORONTO TIDINGS

Glad to say that Mr. Eugene McCarthy is back on his job after his two weeks' illness. As he has been employed by the Hydro Electric Co. for over fifteen years, he lost no pay while laid up.

Mr. Isaac Ward, of Stratford, was a guest of his cousins at "Mora Glen" over the week-end of April 14th.

Mr. Syrian Pettit, of Fruitland, was visiting friends here during the Easter holidays and took in our Bible conference.

Mr. Charles R. Ford was the speaker at our Sunday service on April 15th, and based his subject on the old and new covenant, giving a clear definition between both and made a clear understanding as to the meaning of such a promise as God had given His people.

While on her way back from her lengthy sojourn in Chicago and Green Bay, Wis., Mrs. A. C. Shepherd stopped over in Detroit and took a bus trip to Cleveland, Ohio, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

We are pleased to say that Mrs. Andrew Haslitt, sister of Miss Ethel Griffith, has recovered and left the hospital, where she had been for a few weeks following an operation. In the meantime Miss Griffith kept house for her brother-in-law at Forest Hill, north of the city.

On April 14th, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Roberts entertained Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Watt and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whealy to tea at "Mora Glen." Early that afternoon they took their guests to the matinee at the Runnymede Theatre, one of the finest and largest show houses in the city.

Messrs. Neil A. McGillivray and Francis P. Rooney are the appointed ushers at our church for this year, while Messrs. Samuel Goodall and John B. Stewart are the new collectors.

Miss Muriel Allen and Mr. James R. Tate spent the week-end of April 14th with the former's parents in Hamilton.

No sooner had Mrs. Gerald P. O'Brien returned from Peterboro, where she had been staying with her widowed mother, following the illness and death of her father, than she was obliged to accompany her husband to the "Lif Lock City" again to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, the late Father Michael S. O'Brien.

On April 18th, a number of the deaf went in a body and took a row of seats in the gallery at Massey Hall to hear Gipsy Smith, the world renowned Evangelist. Mrs. J. R. Byrne interpreted for them. Many more would have been in this bunch were they able to locate them. The late comers got lost in the great jam.

Mr. Colin McLean, who has been trying to secure work for a long time, went up to Kitchener recently and was fortunate to "hook on" at the same place where Mr. Absalom Martin works, and at time of writing is still in the "Twin City." In the meantime, Mrs. McLean went down to her old home in Limoges to visit her mother, who is quite sick.

Mr. J. R. Byrne again spoke at our Epsworth League, on April 19th, and gave a full definition of that well known verse, pointing out why Christ knew of our weakness under the thralldom of sin and so made our escape so easy, if we would only believe He died for us.

Mr. Charles A. Elliott was in Hamilton, on April 15th, where he addressed a large meeting of our friends that city and vicinity, on the bonds of loving kindredship kindled by the wisdom and grace from above.

The net proceeds of the social held under the auspices of our local O. A. D. entertainment committee and given by our Catholic brethren at Loretta Abbey, amounted to about fifteen dollars.

We are making great efforts in securing one of the best playing fields for our baseball tournament during the coming convention, and all who come may rest assured that every facility and convenience will be provided. We would like to hear from teams who wish to enter the tournament.

Mr. A. S. Waggoner, of Hamilton, has assured us that a couple of impartial referees from Uncle Sam's domains will be secured for this tournament.

Soon after the Bible conference Mrs. A. W. Mason became the victim of a serious attack of la grippe, which gradually developed into pneumonia, and became so ill that two doctors and two trained nurses were called in to attend her. For a few days the outlook was very grave and her family and friends felt very uneasy until a silver lining loomed on the horizon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cornford moved to 512 Horton Street, on April 5th, and are well satisfied with their new home. Mr. Cornford is still steadily employed at the General Steel Ware Co. (formerly McClary's Foundry) as a mechanist.

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GENERAL GLEANINGS

The deaf of Buffalo are already hard at work raising funds and making plans for the N. A. D. convention to be held in that city in 1930, and on April 14th, they held a big entertainment at which over two hundred turned up. To begin early for such a purpose is the right thing, and by the time the convention comes off they will surely have a little "gold mine" with which to give the delegates a time worth remembering.

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That our deaf friends can turn up as formidable competitors when a race or competition is staged is often proven from time to time, and here we bow to the prowess of our popular young friend, Miss Lena Doubledee, of Wroxeter, who at a large skating carnival held in her locality recently was not only acclaimed the best fancy skater on the ice, but carried off the premier prize as the best dressed performer at the arena. This is all the more gratifying, for she was opposed by well known fancy skaters, yet Lena swamped them all. We extend warmest congratulations to this young maiden, who is well liked by every one who knows her. She and Miss Luella Simmons take the JOURNAL between them and are not only interested in its good news, but consider it the best paper for the deaf.

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HERBERT W. ROBERTS.

DETROIT

"500", Pedro, Bunco social at St. John's, Friday, May 4th. -Mr. T. Kenney, chairman.

Saturday, May 5—N. F. S. D. monthly meeting at G. A. R. Hall, Grand River and Cass.

May 13—Mother's Day. Be sure to remember the best woman on earth.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alex Pilon, of River Rouge, have become grandparents. Their daughter, Mrs. Charles Lloyd, gave birth to a both a girl and boy on April 17th, All are getting along fine. Twins are rare in deaf families and of children of the same, so they are to be doubly congratulated.

The Bourlier children are recuperating after being quarantined with measles.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Joe Partori, whose father passed away at the family home in Gaylord, on April 6th, and to Wm. Behrendt, whose father, aged 78, passed away on April 18th.

Mr. C. J. Liddy, youngest son of Mr. W. K. Liddy, who is now a full-fledged American citizen, and holds a prominent position in Detroit as circulation manager of the Michigan Manufacturer and Financial Record, has purchased a lot in Grosse Pointe, and is now erecting a beautiful up-to-date residence.

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CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Quarry are happy over the arrival of the stork at their home, April 15th, leaving a new girl baby. Mother and baby are doing well.

Miss R. Grover, who has been sick at a hospital for three months, was seen at Rev. Hasenstab's church. She renders a hymn in graceful signs there every Sunday.

F. S. Gibson, who has returned this week from a tour in the East, reports the progress of the N. F. S. D. satisfactory at every Division point he visited.

The Chicago Oral Division, No. 106, holds meetings at the Banquet Hall in the Atlantic Hotel, 316 S. Clark Street, on the second Fridays of every month, at 8 p.m.

The members of the Ephphatha Club passed a pleasant afternoon and evening in games and some other amusements, Saturday and Sunday, April 21st and 22d.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Henry entertained a number of friends at a Claridge party at their home, Friday, April 20th, and will repeat the affair April 27th.

The Silent Literary Club for the Colored Deaf held a business meeting at the club room Saturday, April 21st. Next week, the club will spend a social afternoon and evening in games and conversation.

A charitable affair will be given at the Silent Athletic Club, for the benefit of the Home for the Aged Deaf, Tuesday, May 29th. Mrs. Joe Miller, in charge of the affair as chairlady, issues cards to everybody for the occasion.

At a business meeting recently, the Hebrew Deaf Club voted to take a lease of Bruns Hall, 3958 West Madison Street, for meetings and social gatherings. The club will hold a "joy party" at the same hall Sunday, May 6th.

The epidemic of colds, influenza and contagious diseases, which has been prevalent throughout the city in the late part of March and in the early part of April, has abated. Most of the deaf who have been stricken ill are all out of danger.

The Central Oral Club holds afternoon socials and evening bunco parties at Bruns Hall on the second Sunday of every month, except July and August. Admission of fifty cents a person is charged, including wardrobe.

Doris, a daughter of Rev. H. Rutherford, won a prize of a bronze pin, in a short-hand writing contest at a business college, writing fifty-five words in one minute. She is said to be at the head of her class. Her brother, Kent, is at the naval training station at North Chicago, Ill.

The moving season is again with those who are moving out after the expiration of their leases in May. If they move and notify the post office, giving both old and new addresses, blanks for this purpose may be obtained from mail carriers. Subscribers also should notify publishers of the change of address. It is the order of Postmaster Arthur Luerder, who says thousands neglected to notify them last year, so mail was returned or destroyed.

Mrs. L. Douglass and daughter, Gertrude, of Gardner, Mass., passed through this city last Monday, April 16th, on their way to Hawaii. Gertrude, who is a graduate of Smith and Cornell colleges, and now a teacher at Albany Teachers' College, is going to Hawaii to do research work among tropical plants. Her mother accompanies her. They will be gone until September. They were dinner guests of Mrs. P. J. Hasenstab and Mrs. M. Elmes.

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"He's true to God who's true to man;
Whenever wrong is done
To the humblest and the weakest
'Neath the all-beholding sun,
That wrong is also done to us,
And they are slaves most base,
Whose love of right is for themselves,
And not for all the race."

THE subjoined is from the pen of Prof. J. W. Howson, who for many years has been a teacher at the California Institution at Berkeley.

"According to the *Minnesota Companion*, attributing poor English to the use of the sign language is a mistake. Imperfect English is due to lack of familiarity with it and to nothing else. Practice alone can make perfect. This will line up with our experience in California. Else why should so many born deaf in California, who never had any restrictions put on their use of the sign language, have an apparently perfect command of colloquial English?"

Fortified with a college education (which we believe was obtained at the University of California) and experience in teaching the deaf that has extended through many years, and being of a studious disposition and imperturbable temperament what he says on the effect of the sign language used by the deaf upon their grammatical expression of the English language, is worthy of consideration. He is in unqualified agreement with Dr. James L. Smith, whom the profession of educating the deaf concede to be a profound thinker, an able educator, and an accurate judge of the cause and effect of methods of instruction.

It has long been the habit of theorists to blame deficient English upon the language of signs. Indeed, it has often been said that the deaf can not learn the English language unless it is constantly used to the exclusion of signs—signs, which is writing in the air, just as written language is inscribed on paper. To use words in any language, one must know what these words mean. And signs interpret the meanings of words.

We believe that the testimony of all other deaf teachers of the deaf will coincide with the pronouncement of Dr. J. L. Smith of Minnesota, and Prof. J. W. Howson of California.

THE WILL of James B. Ford made bequests to thirty-four public institutions aggregating \$885,000 and a bequest to the Explorers' Club of \$50,000.

The largest single bequest was \$200,000 to the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb. He also gave \$10,000 of the Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes. Being a member of the Board of Directors of the New York Institution for many years, he was intimately informed concerning the obstacles that impede the deaf boy or girl in the struggle for an education.

The path of a deaf child seeking education and training is hampered with difficulties. There is no other class of people who carry such a heavy handicap from childhood to the grave. But when a deaf-mute is efficiently educated, he is transformed into a law-abiding citizen, a faithful and industrious wage-earner, a profit to the commonwealth, and an asset to the community in which he lives.

PITTSBURGH

The Pittsburgh deaf were entertained with "Tickles and Thrills," by the noted speaker, Rev. John H. Kent, at McGaugh Hall, Friday evening, April 13th. It was the reverend gentleman's first time to face a Pittsburgh audience. He came prepared to look into smoke-grimed faces, but was surprised to find it no different from the crowds in other cities. Referring to Pittsburgh as the "smoky city" still persists, although she has long lived down the appellation and compares favorably with most of the large cities of the country in the absence of smoke and dirt.

The "tickles and thrills" were side-splitting, keeping the house in an uproar of continual laughter for nearly two hours. At the end, they were pleading for encores, but self-preservation is the first law of nature. Mr. Kent wisely limited it to enough, which was plenty enough for most of the audience, who were worn out in the sides. As for encores, it did not need to be that, for the gifted speaker owns a big "barrel" of stuff—original or otherwise—just as good as what was dished out. Mr. Kent's sojourn in the city was brief. He reached the hall barely an hour before the scheduled platform stunt and had to break away for Akron next morning, as soon as snatched from the arms of Morpheus. It was regrettable, as Fred Connor's car was at his service. There are many places here that even a New Yorker would view with open-mouth wonderment.

It was through Mr. George M. Teegarden's efforts that we secured Mr. Kent. A good-sized crowd was present in spite of the short time we had in giving out notices. Miss Alice Teegarden, a teacher at the Fanwood School, who happened to be home at the time, had the pleasure of greeting her fellow New Yorker. We are glad to state that Supt. A. C. Manning was there too.

An elegant full five-course dinner was served, after which cards were indulged in until the old grandfather clock hid his face in rebuke at the lateness of the hour. That night it was rumored that Miss Carrie Hess, matron at the Mt. Airy School, thought of entertaining the club later. On April 18th, invitations from Miss Hess saw the club on its way to the school, where another lovely evening was passed. Chicken salad, ice-cream, cakes and coffee, made the inner man happy as a grasshopper on a sweet-potato vine, and games galore filled up the evening of pleasure to the brim. It chanced that the 18th was Mrs. A. E. Breen's birthday, although only three members of the club knew of it. They put their heads together and presented Mrs. Breen with a sealed envelope with the greetings of Miss Mamie Hess and Mrs. Mary McNeil, while our hostess presented Miss Breen with a lovely bouquet of yellow daffodils. Some of the other members of the club smiled up their sleeves, as they had planned a separate celebration for Mrs. Breen on the Sunday following the party at the school.

The club enjoyed Miss Hess' entertainment very thoroughly, and at Miss Downey's suggestion, gave her a rousing vote of thanks and wished her "bon voyage" and a pleasant trip abroad in June, when she will tour Europe.

Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Myles, was operated on for appendicitis at Montefiore Hospital, April 12th. At this writing, she is still confined, but expects to be out in a week.

The interplant bowling league of the William G. Johnston Co., printers and stationers, closed the season with an annual banquet at Hotel Chatham, April 14th. The averages of individual players were given out, showing George Cowan and William Stewart well up on the list. Lump sums of money were given each player, so much to each according to his standing. George received \$11.87 and Bill \$9.83.

Mrs. Dennis Wickline, of Akron, spent a week with her mother on Mt. Washington recently.

The local frat division held sort a literary social at McGaugh Hall Saturday evening, April 21st, under the direction of F. A. Leitner. A blackboard with the letters in ten Presidents' names in mixed order started the program. Not one was able to make out the whole ten, the winners being Miss Doris Meyers, teacher at the Edgewood School, and William McK. Stewart, both of whom had nine correct. They each received two-bits as prizes. Fred Connor followed with a story of a Greek historical figure, leaving out the name for us to guess whom he meant. "The man with a lantern in search of an honest man," why Diogenes, of course, yet only two gave the correct answer. Too much club life and little reading may be the explanation. With a reasonable amount of reading, one can not fail to come across the name of the hero of the sketch once in a while. "Reading maketh a full man." Charades were to have been on the program, but the would-be actors did not show up, so the remainder was covered by volunteer speakers in the persons of Bernard Teitelbaum, Sam Rogalsky and F. M. Holliday.

En route to her home in Syracuse from Detroit, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Herbert C. Merrill stopped in this city, as guest of Mrs. Holliday, April 17th, and remained several days.

May 12th, the P. S. A. D., local will have a "Lindbergh Social." Papers containing words derived from the letters in LINDBERGH will be the big feature. The one who makes out the most will not only also receive a nice prize. He does not have to wait till the social, but can sharpen his pencils now. Two

weeks' work should bring out at least 1,000 words. Of course the one who has most time to burn has the best chance to win, and in that it seems unfair, but is all in the game of life. Mark May 12th red on your calendar.

The Ladies' Aid of St. Margaret's Mission held a bake sale in Trinity parish Wednesday evening, April 25th. Although the crowd was not as large as expected, owing to the activity of Old Jupiter Fluvius, a neat sum was realized. As a diversion after the sale of "goodies," Mr. William Stewart gave a talk on "Believe it or Not," which was followed by a curtain lecture by Mrs. Holliday with hubby as the victim. F. M. HOLLIDAY.

PHILADELPHIA

THE FAIRY GODMOTHER CLUB HAS
GALA TIME

By invitation of Mrs. A. E. Crouter, wife, and now widow, of our dearly loved Dr. Crouter, the Fairy Godmother Club of Philadelphia journeyed up to Mt. Airy, on February 29th, and had, to use a somewhat slangy expression, "the time of their lives." This club is open to women only, and Mrs. Crouter happened to hear of some of the work accomplished by it through one of Miss Downey's letters to the JOURNAL. Wishing to make the acquaintance collectively and individually of its members, she issued invitations to a banquet at her lovely home near the school in Mt. Airy. To say that we were delighted but feebly expresses our feelings. The tables, two in number, were beautifully set. Mrs. Crouter presided over one table and Mrs. and Dr. Gruver over the other, each table seating nine club members. Mrs. Crouter's aged mother, Mrs. Gale, assisted in receiving, while Miss Peggy Gruver and Master Allen Crouter gave their services as waiters.

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On Sunday, April 22d, undaunted by the rain, a nice little crowd wended their way to 219 W. Apsley Street, to have a surprise party for Mrs. Breen. Those who received cards of invitation were Mr. and Mrs. William Salter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Partington, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Paul, Mrs. M. J. Syle, Mrs. C. O. Dantzer, Mrs. Katie Hoopes, Mr. Robert Fletcher, Mr. Finis Reneau, while Miss Dora Kentzel and "yours truly" served as "dumb waiters." Sandwiches, cakes, ice-cream, candy and coffee were served, and Mrs. Breen was presented with a handsome real linen table cloth, made in England. The evening was pleasantly spent in story telling, and all seemed to have enjoyed the occasion, except the dish rag, which was literally "worn out" with so much hard work.

The guests departed in time to hold up the owl car, wishing their hostess many returns of the day. Mrs. Nancy Moore and Mrs. Mabel Wilson, of Canada (may we hope now of Philadelphia?) were guests of honor at the party. They have very pleasant apartments at the West Wayne Apartment on Walnut Lane, where they make their friends warmly welcome.

G. M. G.

Baptist Missionary to the Deaf in the South

J. W. Michaels, Missionary, Mountainburg, Ark., and A. O. Wilson, Assistant Missionary, 1610 May Street, Fort Worth, Texas. Will answer all calls.

The Capital City

The National Literary Society of Washington met at the Masonic Temple Wednesday evening, April 18th, with Wallace Edington presiding.

Rev. Mr. A. D. Bryant gave an interesting talk on "Americanization, Formation and Immigration."

Robert Werdig told a jolly story of an agent and the soaps. It was almost a folk evening, if one may judge by the enthusiastic responses that followed the program.

Miss Ruth Leitch, in monologue on "The early day of Pilgrim fathers to present day," made such a hit. Ruth has talent of many ways. All Washington is proud of her.

Miss Ruth Leitch has been appointed active chairman for the May 16th social of the "Lit," and has prepared a complete program.

It is called "Old Fashioned Party."

Mrs. Colby has agreed to act as honorary chairman of the committee. Admission will be ten cents per person. The Masonic Temple is the place. Come one, come all.

Miss Ruth Leitch is also chairman for Wednesday evening, May 9th, for the benefit of St. Barnabas' Mission. It is to be given at the New Parish House of St. Mark's Church.

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NEW YORK

News items for this column should be sent direct to the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, Station M, New York.
A few words of information in a letter or postal card is sufficient. We will do the rest.

The third annual Mardi Gras (or Spring Carnival) of the V. B. G. A., at St. Ann's Church Guild Room last Saturday was quite a success, both as an entertainment and financially. The girls composing the V. B. G. A. were in Pierrot costumes with colored trimmings, and they co-operated with each other in promoting gayety.

There were several contests for prizes, and one was a Spanish dance by Miss Margaret Jackson and Mrs. W. A. Renner. Both were costumed correctly, especially Miss Jackson's Spanish dress, which was excellent. Everyone knew of the latter's dancing ability, but all were surprised that Mrs. Renner could trip the light fantastic toe with charming grace.

A Flashlight Dance, arranged by Miss Jackson, was given by Mr. Jack Seltzer and Miss Cecilia Epstein. As an extra, the Charleston was very cleverly danced by Miss Ethel Brenneisen and Stephen Damiana. A Beauty Contest (beauty of costume and face, with or without makeup) was judged by Messrs. Alfred Stern Sol. Garson and Mrs. Braddock. The winners were: Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Renner, Mrs. McCluskey, Doris Kent and May Druttzman.

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In the list of past-presidents of the Deaf published last week, the name of Mr. Marcus L. Kenner should have been included.

The Culmer Barneses live at the White House—not Washington, D. C., but Washington Heights, Manhattan, New York.

Harry Gutschmidt has just returned home from a short vacation, spent in Liberty, N. Y. He looks the picture of health. During the winter he played basketball regularly, and the vacation was just what he needed.

Mr. Gutschmidt was in Mexico, and his tales of the sights he saw there were interesting as he related them at the club the other day.

William, the eldest boy of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Cohn, who was operated on successfully recently, is on the way of recovery, but it will yet be some time ere he will be able to return home from the sanitarium.

Little Dick Surtz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Surtz, is convalescing after having been operated on for enlarged tonsils and for adenoids.

Mr. Benjamin Elkin would like to know the address of Misses Sara and Adelaide Oppenheim.

Florida Flashes

Gainesville was represented at Jacksonville, on April 15th, by Miss Martha Tison, who graced the Baptist Bible Class with her presence. She also attended the preaching service at another church. She enjoyed such meetings as conducted in Jacksonville.

Mrs. J. C. Mills, of Rocky Mt. N. C., is stopping with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dougherty in Jacksonville until her husband, who is attached with the Cedar Springs school as boys' supervisor, rejoins her at the commencement vacation.

Coming five years ago from Georgia was James Douglas, and he has been living in Jacksonville ever since and working along the trade of carpentry. He has made good, judging from the fact that his periods of unemployment are few and apart.

John Brassell, hailing from Mobile, Ala., cast his lot with Jacksonville three years ago. At present he is connected with the Arnold Printing Co. as press feeder.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Witschier, who have been spending the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Benedict in Orlando, returned home to Port Jervis, N. Y., on April 12th. It was their first trip to Florida and they so enjoyed their stay that they propose to come back next winter.

Going back to Goffeby, N. Y., for the summer season, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Benedict and children and Aunt Kate Case left Orlando on April 16th. They have a beautiful bungalow in Orlando, which they have been occupying the past few years. They will return in the autumn.

R. H. Holt, who has a wife, nee Miss Giles, and two little children, is employed with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corporation in Jacksonville as printer. When necessity arises, he is sometimes called upon to do clerical work.

The executive committee of the Florida Association of the Deaf, composed of Messrs. R. H. Ron and Paul Blount, of Miami; H. S. Austin, of Orlando; Carl Holland and Mrs. Eugene Hogle, of St. Augustine, met in session at St. Augustine on April 22d, to transact such business as brought before the body. Unless otherwise changed, St. Augustine will be the scene of the next reunion in the spring of 1929.

F. E. P.

PACIFIC NORTHERN SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.

REV. OLOF HANSON, MISSIONARY
Seattle, 1st and 3d Sundays 3 p.m., at St. Marks'.
Tacoma, May 13, 3:15 p.m., Christ Church, Vancouver, Wash., June 24th, St. Luke's, Portland, Ore., June 24th, St. Stephen's.

If the world laughs at you, just turn around and laugh right back. It's just as funny as you are.

Gallaudet College

Monday and Tuesday of the last week were filled with the bustle of preparation for camp. Everyone was keyed to the pitch of eager anticipation and Wednesday morning's recitations were scarcely skimmed over in the haste to be off.

The leaders of the four camp parties of the men were off early Wednesday morning on a truck piled to the trolley wires with tents, blankets, stoves, food, and a lot of cans called dishes for lack of a better name.

The rest of the camp equipment, namely about two-score men, attired in the oldest rags procurable, followed in the afternoon.

The co-eds left for their camp, a Y. W. C. A. lodge on Chesapeake Bay, about the same time, with overalls and many a pleasant expectation stored in their grips. That's the last the correspondent has heard of them so their adventures will have to wait another week for publicity.

At Great Falls, Va., there was a push of activity all the first day, erecting tents and tinkering and fussing over a smoky oil stove. By nightfall the beds had been made on piles of leaves and the chefs had concocted a supper that, to the tired and hungry campers, was sweeter than the ambrosia and nectar of the House of David.

Two of the parties, finding a surplus of cash in their treasuries, canvased the neighboring farms and returned with five fat hens for Sunday dinner. We will not torture our readers with a description of that feast, so *au revoir* till next week.

D. E. M.

A full house was present and if there's anyone who didn't enjoy the picture, he has kept discreetly silent.

Portland, Oregon

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jorgs, of West Ruby Junction, drove out to Camas, Wash., on Sunday, April 8th, to visit Mrs. Jorgs' parents.

A large crowd attended the Easter service at Hope Lutheran Church for the Deaf, when several new members were received into the church. A few from Vancouver, Wash., attended. Holy Communion was celebrated.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hunter, of Vancouver, Wash., called on the Nelsons after Easter service, and after taking lunch there, took the Nelsons in their swell Dodge sedan out Baseline Road, stopping at the Jorgs and Andrews farm. They found Mr. Andrews busy on his forty-acre farm.

A deaf man by the name of Mr. Chase, whose home was Camas, Wash., was killed on Tuesday, April 17th, in some manner, when he was caught between two box cars. Mr. Chase, who has a wife and two small children to mourn his loss, was last seen at a party last March, at the W. O. W. Hall in Portland. The writer of these news now feels sorry, because when he was deputy organizer for the Portland Division, No. 41, N. F. S. D., he came across Mr. Chase, a year or so ago, and asked Mr. Chase if he did not see it necessary with two such pretty children to carry a life insurance and join the Frats. He hesitated a few seconds and told me he saw it was a good thing and would talk it over with his wife, and when he had enough money, would join. It was only \$3 to get his policy at that time. But he failed to join. Our deep sympathy goes out to the wife and children of Mr. Chase.

The Convention of the Oregon Association of Deaf, will be held at Corvallis, Ore., July 1-2 and 4, 1928, in the buildings of the Oregon State College. Tentative program is as follows:

—On Saturday, June 30th—Arrivals begin in the afternoon.

Sunday, July 1st—Rest. Church service and visiting.

Monday afternoon, will be taken up with business session. Afternoon and evening open for sight-seeing or some other attraction.

Tuesday morning—Final business session and election of officers. Adjournment *sine die*. Afternoon and evening open.

Wednesday, July 4th, there will be an all-day picnic at either Newport or Yachats Beach.

Evening homeward bound. Plenty of lodging, hotels, or auto camps and cabins at the College town. All the deaf are welcome. Consider this trip for your summer vacation.

About thirty lady friends of Mrs. Arthur Eden gathered at the home of Mr. Eden's parents for a stork shower for Mrs. Eden. She received a baby basket full of presents. The dining-room was beautifully decorated with a stuffed stork upon the table and a baby doll in the cake. Those who deserve praise for the pretty event were Miss Ruth Seelig and Mrs. Levy.

The latter is a sister of Mr. Eden, and lives with her father, who is a widower.

Mrs. Eden holds one of the highest positions of the dozen deaf who work at the Meiers & Frank Dept.

Store, and will return to work in the summer.

The writer of the Portland news wishes he could get more news from the 330 or more deaf in and around the Rose City. Please send in any news you have, either in person or in writing, so as to make these columns look bigger and livelier. Let us keep Portland in the limelight. Yours for a better column.

H. P. N.

April 25, 1928.

Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Eleventh Biennial Convention of the Maritime Association of the Deaf will be held in the school for the deaf, Halifax, N. S., on June 26th, 27th and 28th.

The Institution has very kindly been placed at their disposal for this convention. Those who wish to do so can have room and breakfast at the School at the rate of fifty cents per day for each person.

A fine program is being prepared and everyone is assured of a good time. No charge other than the membership fee will be exacted from the members attending any of these meetings.

Condensed program follows:

TUESDAY

Morning—Opening and business.

Afternoon—Excursion.

Evening—A party given by the Forum Club (Deaf Adults).

WEDNESDAY

Morning—Business.

Afternoon—Sports (18 events).

Evening—Banquet given by the Board of Directors. Moving picture entertainment.

THURSDAY

Morning—Business.

Afternoon—Sight-seeing.

Mr. L. T. Goucher, a teacher at the school, is the president. His address is 24 Kane Place, Halifax, N. S. The address of the secretary is Mr. R. S. Surbey, 25 Pleasant Street, Moncton, N. B.

If a dull day comes along, it just gives you time to think out plans to make the next day livelier.

TACOMA

We are glad to report that Mrs. C. P. Stuard, of Puyallup who underwent an operation for tumor at a Puyallup hospital in February, has pulled through nicely. She was taken to Olympia soon as she could leave the hospital, to spend her convalescent days on her brother's farm. During her absence from home her little children were taken care of by kindly neighbors and friends, while the father was away from home at work. The deaf ladies of the Lutheran church sent her a beautiful basket of flowers while she was at the hospital. We were glad to see her at one of our social gatherings recently.

Mrs. Geo. Ecker enjoyed a two-weeks visit from her mother, of Kirkland, recently.

George Ecker is a thrifty fellow. Work at the Peterman mill, where he is employed, has been rather dull lately, so when he gets laid off from work he hires himself to the woods near-by, in his reliable Ford, and cuts down some trees for firewood. They make a good fire, he says.

Mrs. Margaret E. Turner, of Paris, Illinois, visited several months with her brother at Gig Harbor, Wash. She was well pleased with our mild climate, and her brother has been making some effort to get her husband to sell their farm in Illinois and move here to live. She attended one of our socials and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ecker while in Tacoma. She also visited in Seattle and Canada before coming here.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen McNeish and baby daughter left for Vancouver, B. C., on March 7th, where Mr. McNeish secured employment. He had been out of work for some time and was unable to continue the monthly payments on their little home and furniture, which they had

should serve as a warning to others to start slow, when they have no reserve funds.

Authentic report comes from Oakland, Cal., that Eddie Sullivan and his wife and her daughter are located there. Sullivan is said to be peddling soap, or something, for a living.

Frank Curtis, of Seattle, a cousin of Miss Mabel Siegel, who has won fame all over the country and Europe through the many big jobs he has successfully handled in his home-moving operations for 22 years or so, received a call to Italy, recently, to straighten up a famous old tower there which is threatening to topple over. Should he decide to go, he will take about thirty of his workmen and a shipload of equipment along. Although his headquarters are in Seattle, he has been doing jobs in different parts of the country—moved a large hotel in Los Angeles, and did considerable work in this state and Oregon. His

brother, Roy, his partner in business, remains in Seattle to look after local affairs during Frank's absence.

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OMAHA

The Fontenelle Literary Society held a public meeting in the Nebraska School Auditorium, Saturday evening, April 21st. Charles Falk opened the program with a talk on "Human Migration." He also added a story on "The Six Adventures of Napoleon," which took about half an hour and was well received. This was followed with a debate on "Resolved, that the 18th amendment should be repealed." The affirmative side was supported by Abie Rosenblatt and the negative side by Charles E. Comp, who took the place of Willie Sabin, of Lincoln, as he was unable to be present. The judges, Dr. J. Schuyler Long, Mrs. Edwin Hazel and Eugene McConnell, awarded the decision to the negative side, although Mr. Rosenblatt's arguments were very good. Eugene Fry brought down the house with his comedy skit "My Baby." He wore a ragged Rube costume and threw sticks into the audience. He gave a lot of credit to Owen Study, who "polished him up." Dr. J. Schuyler Long was asked to speak. He gave a very interesting Indian story, and also put before the audience the question: "Is the world getting better or worse?" Then he gave many comparisons of past and present times. He said he did not believe the world was getting worse, with all the modern conveniences, inventions, etc., that we have. Robert E. Dobson closed the program by "singing" "My Old Kentucky Home," in a dark costume. He reminded us of "Old Black Joe." He got a good hand from the spectators and one merry widow almost wept. Cookies and "Dixies" were served, everybody departing for home, after an enjoyable program.

The two Eugenes Fry and McConnell motored to Shenandoah, Ia., Sunday, April 2d, taking along two fair damsels, the Misses Viola Cornell and Katharine Slocum. They stopped at the Fred O'Donnell country home, and found that he had gone to Chicago on business for a few days.

James R. Jelinek, who had his tonsils removed recently, followed by rheumatism, took a few days off from his work and went to Plattsburgh to rest and visit his folks.

Since returning home he has greatly improved.

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FANWOOD

The Fanwood relay team: Giordano, Port, Koplowitz, Harris and Carroll (substitute), went to Philadelphia, Pa., with Mr. Frank Lux, where they competed in the relay carnival at the Franklin Field, on April 28th last. They were beaten and were relegated to the fifth place, while the Mt. Airy team of Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf in Mt. Airy, Pa., was fourth.

A hearing team won the first place.

The Fanwood runners witnessed the special race of 175 yard dash. Charlie Paddock, the world's fastest human, was running in that race and won easily by five yards and also set a world's record. His time for the 175 yards dash was 17.2 seconds.

At Horace Mann School, near 242nd Street, where the Fanwood A. A. track team competed in track events, the Horace Mann team won by the points of 67 to 13. Cadet G. I. Harris won second place in the 100 yard dash and 440 yard run. Cadet First Sergeant Milton Koplowitz won second place in the 220 yard run. Cadet Lieutenant Nicholas Giordano won third place in 16-lb shot put. They all did their best for Fanwood and earned 13 points.

The Fanwood relay team won second place in the relay race. The runners were S. Forman, M. Koplowitz and G. I. Harris and L. Port.

The baseball season for the Fanwood team will be opened with a game on Saturday afternoon, May 5th, on our diamond, between the Westchester Military Academy from Peekskill, N. Y., and the Fanwood team. Cadet Lieutenant Otto Johnson, the captain of the Fanwood team, expects to make many home runs this year. He hit a home run last week, while playing with the second team. All welcome to see the game on Saturday.

Cadet Corporal Sam Forman, who was confined to the hospital on account of sickness, on April 24th, was discharged on the morning of the 28th. Too bad, he lost a chance to compete as one of the Fanwood runners at the relay race at Philadelphia, Pa., on April 28th.

On Teaching the Deaf.

Editor The St. Louis Star: The League of Women Voters declared in your recent issue that every large public day school for the deaf in the United States has discarded the manual and the combined methods in favor of the oral method for the mentally normal child. I doubt very much about this, because as a matter of fact many of these schools continue to employ the manual and the combined methods. I am keenly interested to learn from what source the League of Women voters obtained such sweeping information.

The oral method means by its method that the sign language is strictly forbidden while the pupil is being taught pure oralism, almost in exact coincidence with the method for the mentally normal child. I strongly favor the oral method only for possible cases, thus I mean for those so-called semi-mutes and also those who show a real aptitude to learn and progress in the oral method. I have encouraged such persons. If a deaf-born person wants to learn lip reading, it is for his own asking. For other certain cases, as deaf-born or totally afflicted children, the combined method and also the manual are quite necessary and correct.

An attempt to experiment on a deaf and dumb born child oral method by the alone is a very unkind, unscientific task, actually a mischievous waste of time. The experiments are a purpose of satisfying the curiosity of the pure oralists, who do not feel themselves in the situation of the deaf person. On deaf-born innocent children experiments should not be made without the combined or manual method, because the experiments handicap these innocent children along in other educational lines.

The oral method is a very slow, careful, painstaking process and has to await for desired results before several years or with no success. The pure oralists should realize a serious difference of aptitudes and limitations between a deaf-born child and other child who lost the hearing and speech at his early or late age. The deaf-born child after three or four years under rigid instruction of a pure oralist may be found a hopeless case and has lost his four growing years in educational lines; therefore he has been behind in his mind. What has to be judged about his intelligence who tries to make his own livelihood? He becomes a very lonesome person because he does not know the sign language in order to be socially among the happy, vigorous deaf people.

I know of very many semi-mutes who do not speak to conductors, clerks or strangers, or who can not understand the fast lips. They have to talk on the papers for inquiry to be surely understood. A large number of them who have been taught by the pure oralists who forbid the use of the sign language, have found themselves in disadvantageous life with the normal people who were attracted by in ordinary voices and also apparent deficiency in intellectuality. When they learned the sign language, they found a real happy world with the deaf people together, and consequently have made a happy livelihood. They became valuable members of various powerful organizations for the deaf which are managed by themselves.

It has seemed to me that most of the pure oralists do not know the sign language, and are interested only in developing voice and hearing of the child before his mind is considered. This is the real reason why they are opposed to the combined method and the sign language. The pure oralists who know how to converse with the sign language are much preferable to the ones destitute of the knowledge of the sign language. Facts true to facts must be observed by them.

CARL B. SMITH.

DEAR EDITOR: I heartily agree with Mr. Smith. I was taught by a pure oralist and never knew how to talk the sign-language, in fact, was forbidden to mingle with those talking the signs. The pure oralists told me the sign-language was unapprovable and a sin. I lost my hearing and speech at nine years of age. I am not always so very sure of being understood when I have to speak up. Also I often pretended to understand the lips; in reality I was uncomfortable. Though I still appreciate the oral method for necessary advantages, yet I indeed appreciate the sign-language as a necessity for the deaf to "listen" in a large hall or crowd. Lip-reading is absolutely an inconvenience at any distance from a stage—without a telescope.

Truly yours,
JOHN LUNTRAS.

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Doctor Who Attended Martyred Lincoln Draws Curtain on Memories

DR. CHARLES A. LEALE, NOW 86, WAS AT DEATHBED OF PRESIDENT

Sixty-three years now have passed since that night of April 14, 1865, when Abraham Lincoln died from the bullets of John W. Booth. Of persons who were friends of great man, there are left but a handful. Few there are even, who can boast they ever saw him. The last of his children, Robert Todd Lincoln, died in 1926.

But Dr. Charles A. Leale, the first doctor to reach Lincoln after he was wounded and who watched over the President until the end came, still lives in New York. He is eighty-six. Though he has retired from active medical practice, he is in good health and serves on various hospital boards.

Dr. Leale was 23, and out of medical school for only a year, when he attended the attended the dying Lincoln. He had joined the medical corps of the army, and was in charge of a ward for wounded officers in the United States General Hospital at Armory Square, Washington, when the assassination of the President occurred.

Mrs. Lincoln placed Dr. Leale in charge of the treatment of the wounded President. But medical aid could do nothing save prolong Lincoln's life for few short hours. It was the night of April 14 that he was shot; the next morning he was dead.

Of those historic days Dr. Leale has a store of priceless memories. But he dislikes to go back over them. He prefers to look to the future, and to think and talk of his happenings and projects of today that interest him. New achievement is better, he holds, than retrospection.

Robert Todd Lincoln, the Emperor's son, was like that. Through the years of his retirement, he refused consistently to talk in reminiscent vein of his father. Near the end of his career, he became virtually a recluse in the little New England town where he lived.

Dr. Leale resides in New York with his daughter. He has a son New York who is a doctor, and another who is an attorney.

When he was mustered out of the army in 1886, Dr. Leale went to Europe, where he studied Asiatic cholera for a year or more. Then he returned to take up his practice in New York.

For a half a century he was one of the leading physicians of the city, connected with various hospitals, including Bellevue, and the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb. To this latter interest he still devotes part of his time.

He is a member of a dozen or more leading medical, scientific and literary bodies. In 1881 he was a delegate to the London International Medical Congress.

He has written extensively on medical surgery and scientific subjects, but though repeatedly urged to, has refused to write his own memoirs or his recollections of Lincoln and the war.—N. Y. Telegram.

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